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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Pankaj Kumar	2631

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Pankaj Kumar. (3) _____.

(2) Robert Meeks. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 4/30/2003-5/5/2003.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Burshtein.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: see attached.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.



Pankaj Kumar
Examiner's signature, if required

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,

(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

Art Unit: 2631

4/30/2003

Robert Meeks called to schedule a telephone interview for Monday at 1:00 P.M. I asked what he wanted to discuss. He said he wanted to know why the amendment was not entered and also the rejections of the independent claims.

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The amendment will be entered on appeal or if the case is allowed. Entering the amendments now will not make the case allowable. The amendments were indicated to be allowed in #7 of the advisory.

Applicant said that there are not multiple stations in fig. 5. I said each block could be considered a station. He said that the blocks are not mobile stations or base stations as stated in the specification. I said that those limitations from the specification are not in the claims.

Applicant asked to what words he could use to specify mobile station and base stations without being limited to just a mobile and a base station. I said applicant is his own lexicographer and the office can make a broad and reasonable interpretation of the claim. Applicant said he will appeal the office's interpretation of the word station.

As per claim 1:

Since the preamble of the claim says method comprising the steps of, the steps in the claim do not necessarily have to occur in the same order as the reference.

Receiving the signal at the first station is occurring since 112 in fig. 5 is receiving the far left encoded signal via other components.

Code selected are the data selected at the different rates.

The decision controller 110 makes a biased code selection decision based on the quality determined from 102, 104, 106, 108.

Communication between first (fig. 5: 112) and second station (fig. 5: 102, 104, 106, 108) via other components (communication in fig. 5 BETWEEN 112 and 102, 104, 106 108 even though the communication is not from 112 to 102 or 104 or 106 or 108)

Second station (fig. 5: 102, 104, 106, 108) transmits the signal to the other components Selection of the code occurred prior to the reception of the signal at the first station (fig. 5: selection occurred in 110 or 102-108 which are all prior to 112).

Also look at fig. 7 with the output of the erasure going back to the decision controller.

Also, since the method comprises the steps of..., the steps do not have to be in the same order as claimed.

Applicant said it would not be obvious to go from a decoded signal to an encoded signal. I said it would be obvious for anyone of multiple reasons including:

- a) reversing parts of an invention requires routine skill in the art
- b) one may want to encode a signal when transmitting
- c) fig. 7 of the reference shows a decoded signal (DS) which is going into 314 whose one output is going back to 310 which is outputting an encoded signal (ES).

Applicant said he will appeal these grounds of obviousness.

Applicant should be aware that figs. 7 and 11 as well as other figures and col. 20 as well as other columns of the reference also meet the claim limitations and that applicant is required to understand the reference in its entirety.


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